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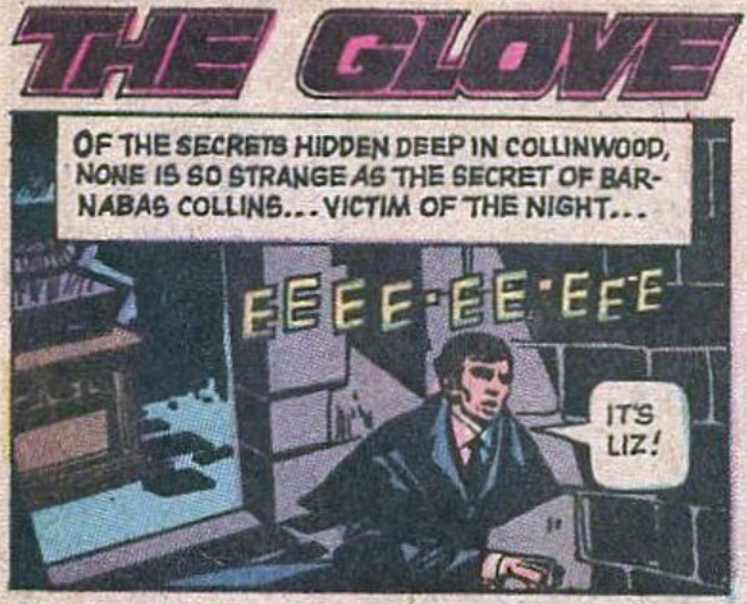
THE GLOVE


OF THE SECRETS HIDDEN DEEP IN COLLINWOOD, NONE IS SO STRANGE AS THE SECRET OF BARNABAS COLLINS... VICTIM OF THE NIGHT...
EEEE-EE-EE-E
IT'S LIZ!

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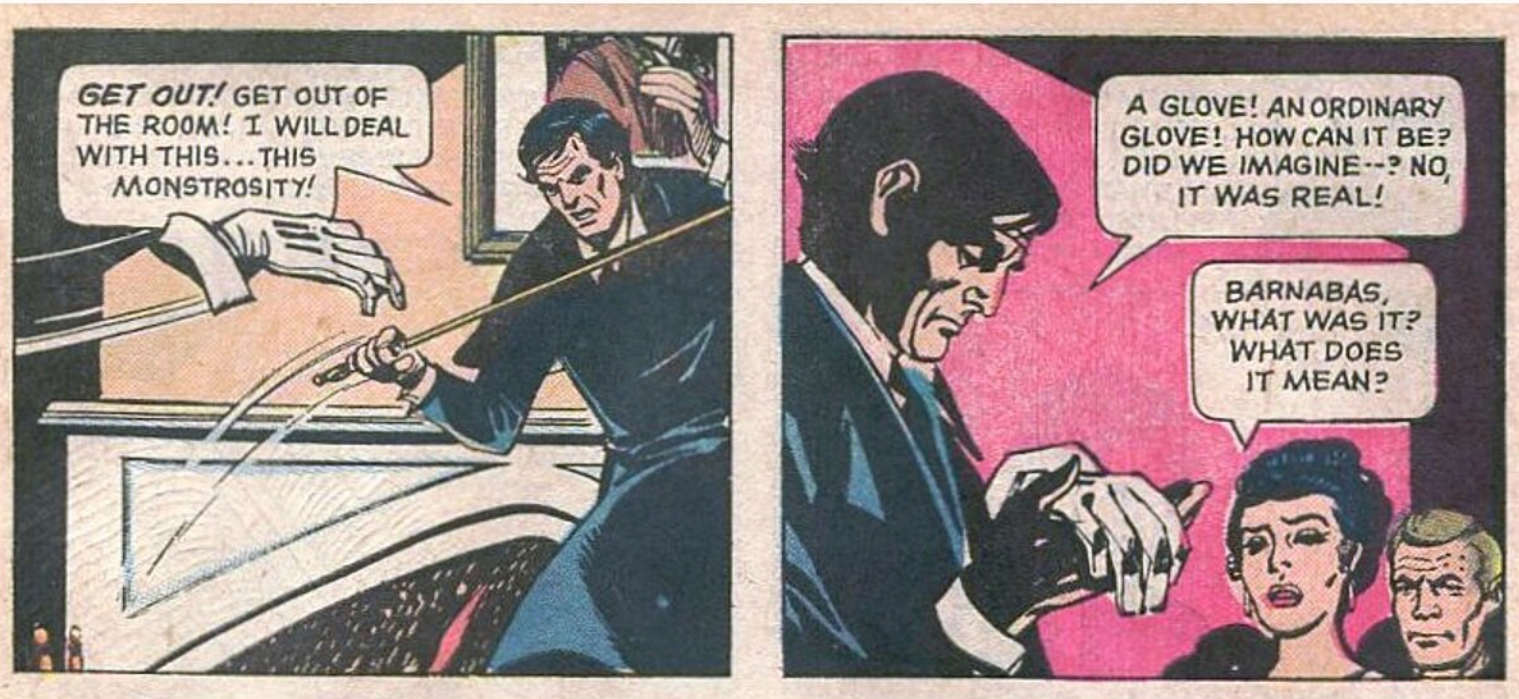
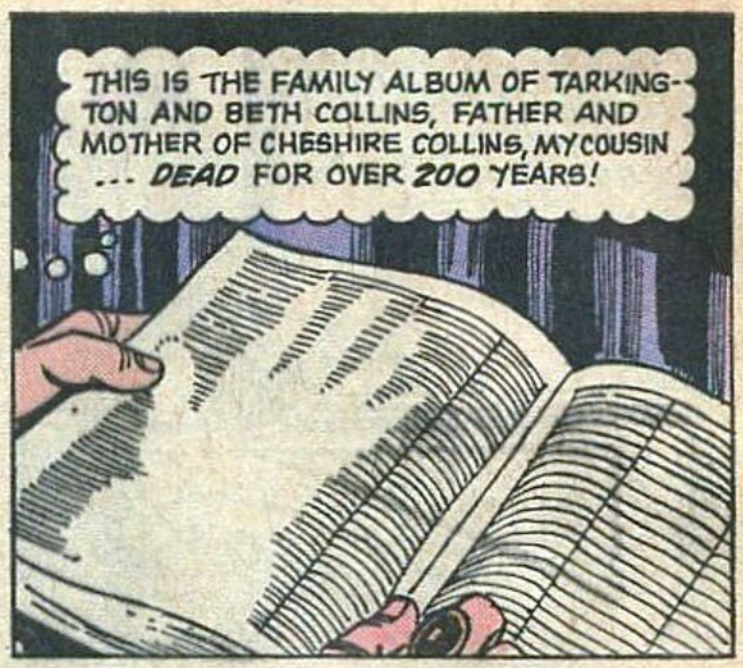
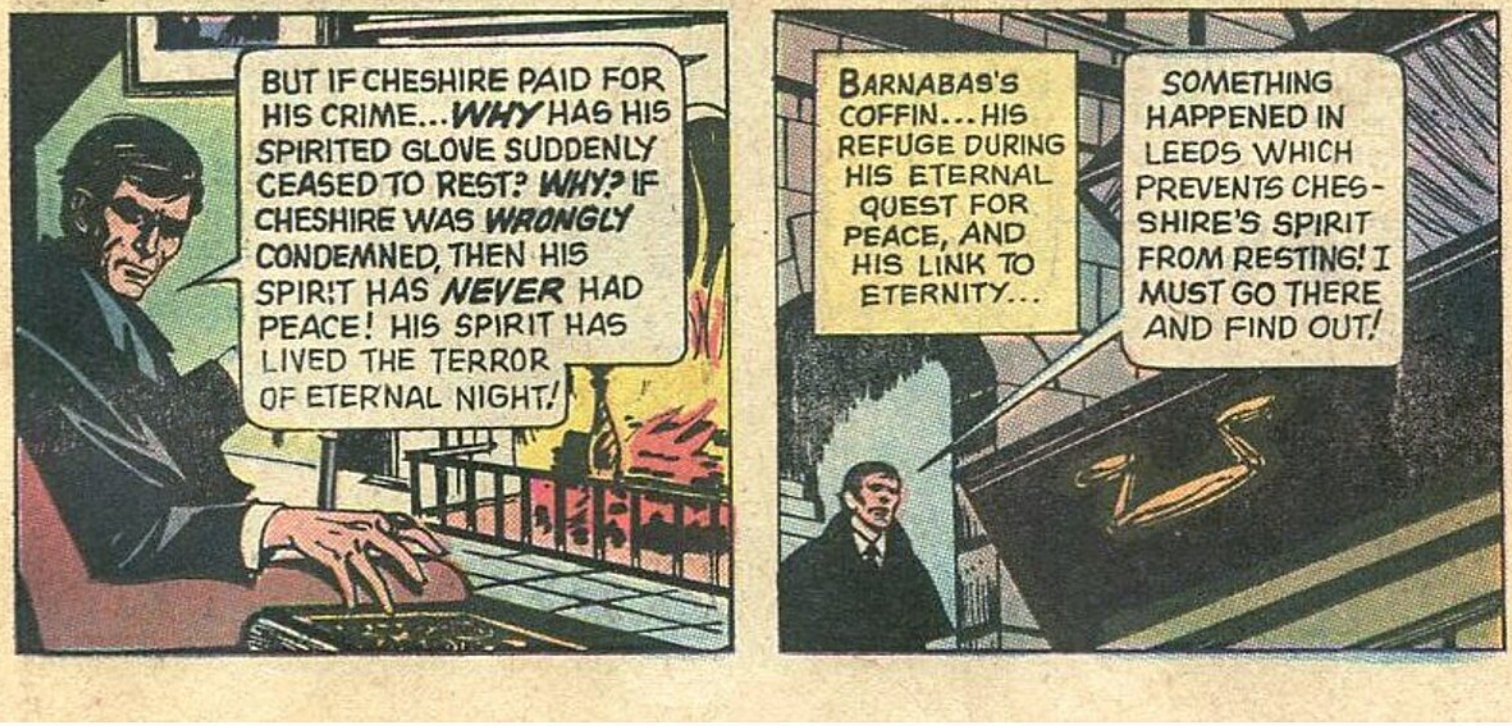

GET OUT! GET OUT OF THE ROOM! I WILL DEAL WITH THIS... THIS MONSTROSITY!
A GLOVE! AN ORDINARY GLOVE! HOW CAN IT BE? DID WE IMAGINE--? NO, IT WAS REAL!
BARNABAS, WHAT WAS IT? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

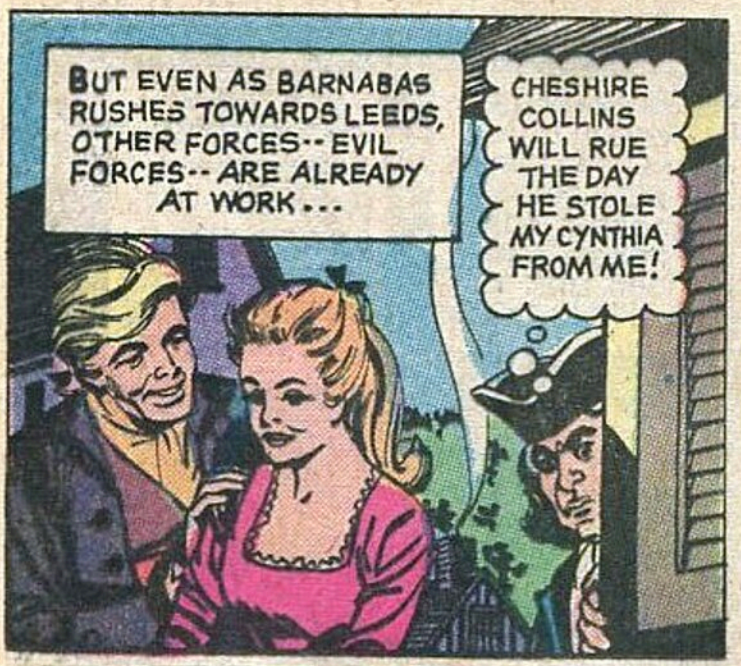
AND THIS GLOVE WAS CHESHIRE'S GLOVE! BUT WHY WAS IT LOCKED IN THIS ALBUM? HAS IT SOMETHING TO DO WITH HIS EXECUTION FOR MURDER?
I REMEMBER THE DAY TOO WELL... THE DAY OF CHESHIRE'S EXECUTION! IT WAS IN LEEDS WHERE MY UNCLE TARKINGTON HAD HIS ESTATE!

YOU SEEM TROUBLED, BARNABAS ... IS IT THAT BOOK? I FOUND IT ON A SHELF AND UNLOCKED IT! THAT THING--THE GLOVE--FELL OUT! AND THEN... THEN IT LEAPED AT ME! YOU SAW--
YES, WE SAW!


THIS IS THE FAMILY ALBUM OF TARKINGTON AND BETH COLLINS, FATHER AND MOTHER OF CHESHIRE COLLINS, MY COUSIN ... DEAD FOR OVER 200 YEARS!

"MY YOUTHFUL COUSIN AND FRIEND WAS BURIED IN AN UNHOLY GRAVE! ONLY I AND HIS GRIEVING PARENTS ATTENDED..."
I CAME FROM LONDON WHEN I HEARD! I THOUGHT I COULD SPEAK FOR HIS CHARACTER!
WE KNOW, DEAR BARNABAS ...YOU TRIED!
MY DEBT IS PAID UNTO ETERNITY.

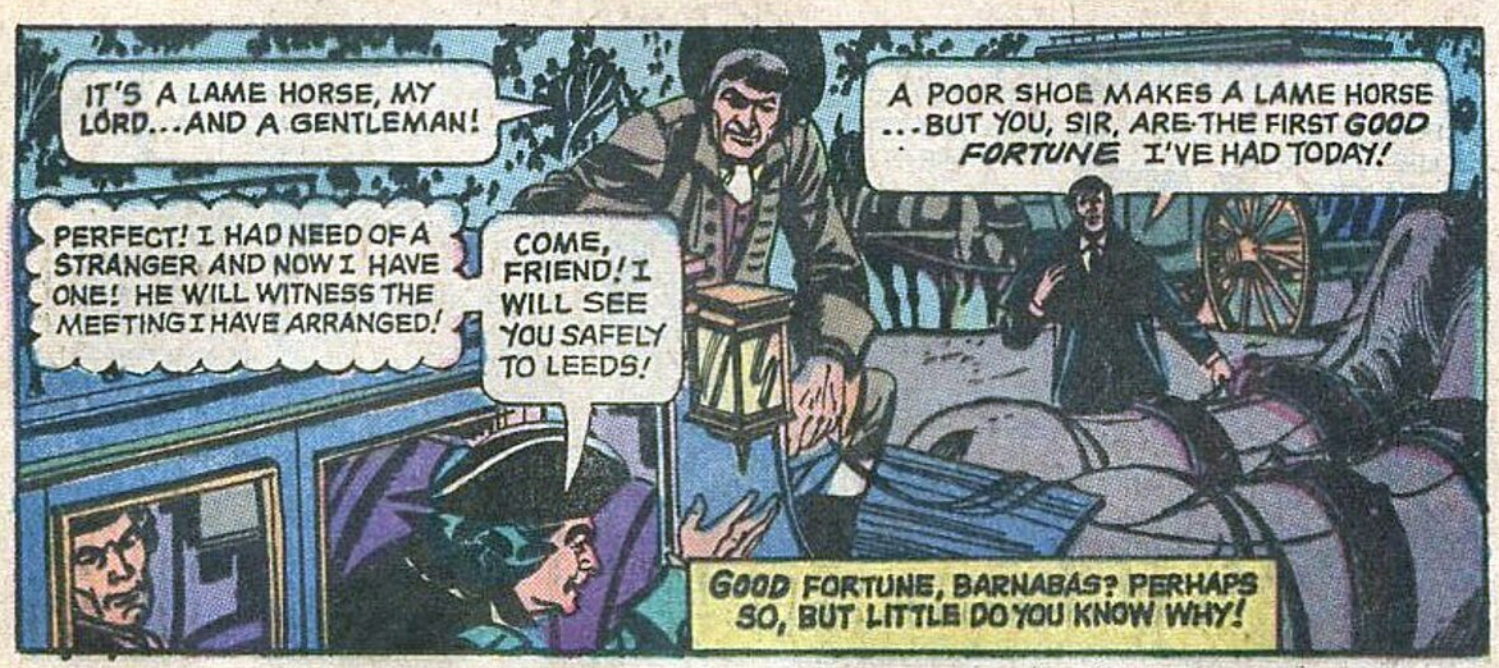

BUT IF CHESHIRE PAID FOR HIS CRIME... WHY HAS HIS SPIRITED GLOVE SUDDENLY CEASED TO REST? WHY? IF CHESHIRE WAS WRONGLY CONDEMNED, THEN HIS SPIRIT HAS NEVER HAD PEACE! HIS SPIRIT HAS LIVED THE TERROR OF ETERNAL NIGHT!
BARNABAS'S COFFIN... HIS REFUGE DURING HIS ETERNAL QUEST FOR PEACE, AND HIS LINK TO ETERNITY...
SOMETHING HAPPENED IN LEEDS WHICH PREVENTS CHESHIRE'S SPIRIT FROM RESTING! I MUST GO THERE AND FIND OUT!

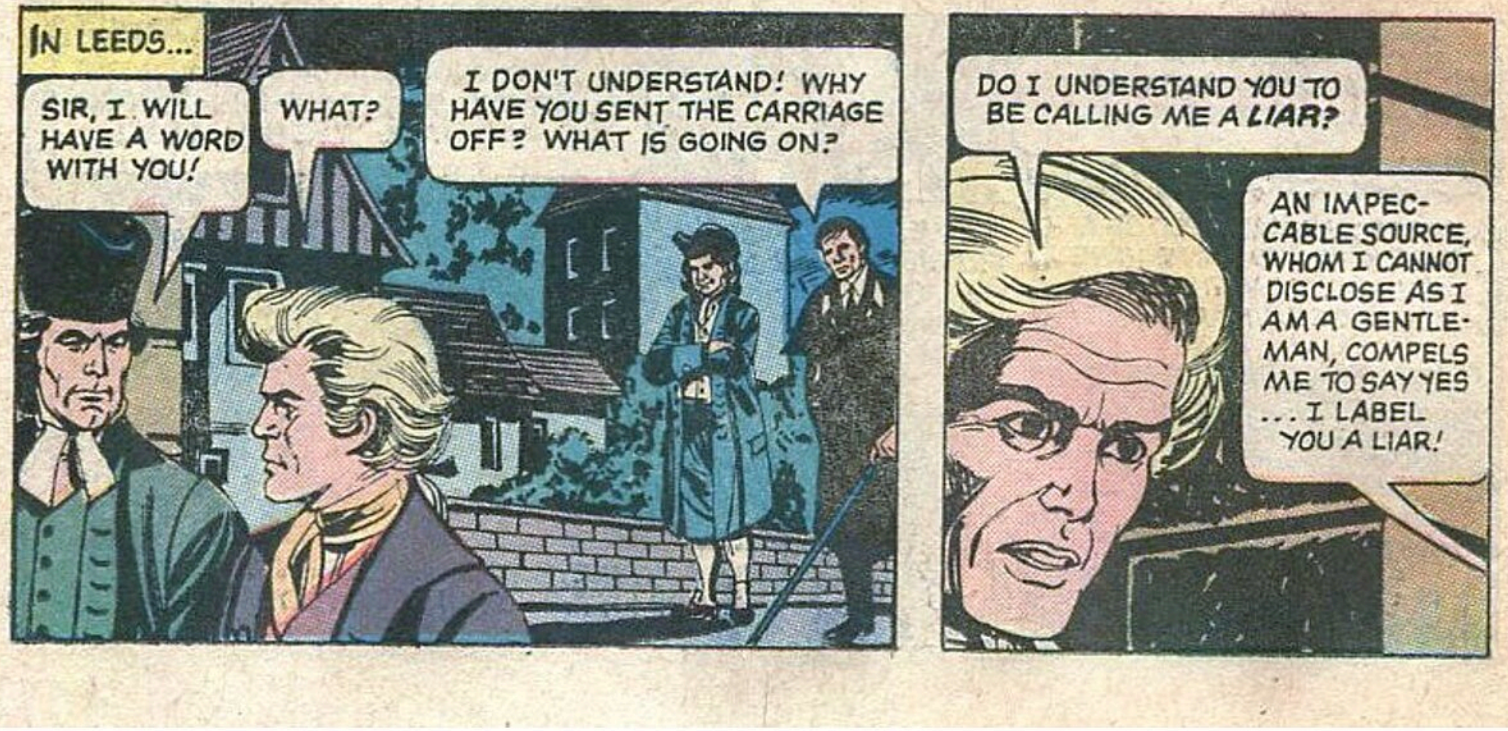

BUT EVEN AS BARNABAS RUSHES TOWARDS LEEDS, OTHER FORCES -- EVIL FORCES -- ARE ALREADY AT WORK...
CHESHIRE COLLINS WILL RUE THE DAY HE STOLE MY CYNTHIA FROM ME!

I HAVE A PLAN WHICH WILL ENSURE HIS DEATH...AND NONE WILL EVER SUSPECT *ME!*
TO CARSTON CASTLE, OLIVER!

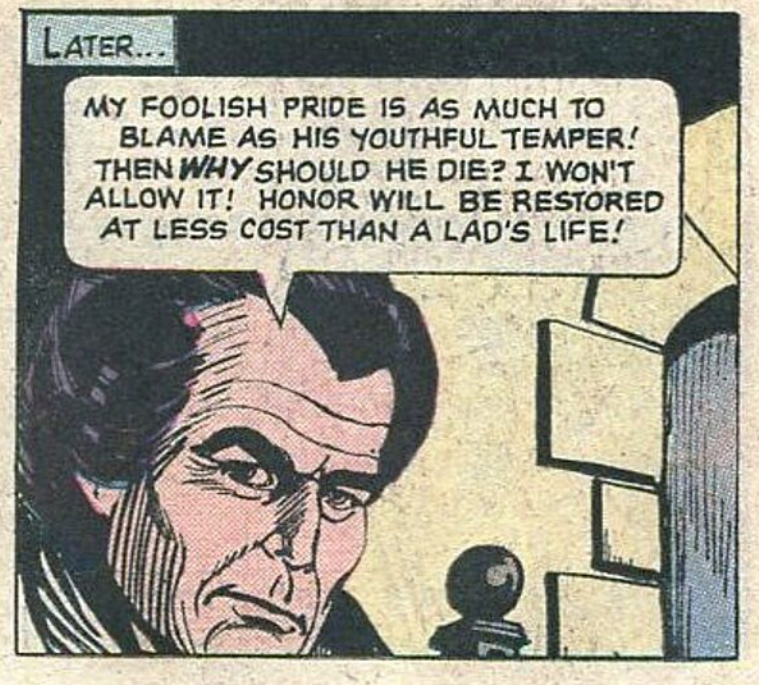
LORD BIGHT! WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
AN ILL WIND, SIR FRANCIS, I AM SORRY TO SAY! IF ONLY HOT-HEADED FOOLS COULD HOLD THEIR *TONGUES!*

I DON'T UNDERSTAND, LORD BIGHT! HOT-HEADED FOOLS...WAGGING TONGUES?
CHESHIRE COLLINS IS TELLING ONE AND ALL THAT YOU ARE A COWARD...THAT YOU HAVE TURNED TAIL IN THE FACE OF ENEMY FIRE!
IT'S POPPYCOCK! I SHALL SETTLE THIS MATTER MYSELF!
HARRIS...MY CLOAK! I'M FOR LEEDS!
...AND A CONFRONTATION WITH MY ILL-TEMPERED RIVAL!


IT'S A LAME HORSE, MY LORD...AND A GENTLEMAN!
A POOR SHOE MAKES A LAME HORSE ...BUT YOU, SIR, ARE THE FIRST GOOD FORTUNE I'VE HAD TODAY!
PERFECT! I HAD NEED OF A STRANGER AND NOW I HAVE ONE! HE WILL WITNESS THE MEETING I HAVE ARRANGED!
COME, FRIEND! I WILL SEE YOU SAFELY TO LEEDS!
GOOD FORTUNE, BARNABAS? PERHAPS SO, BUT LITTLE DO YOU KNOW WHY!

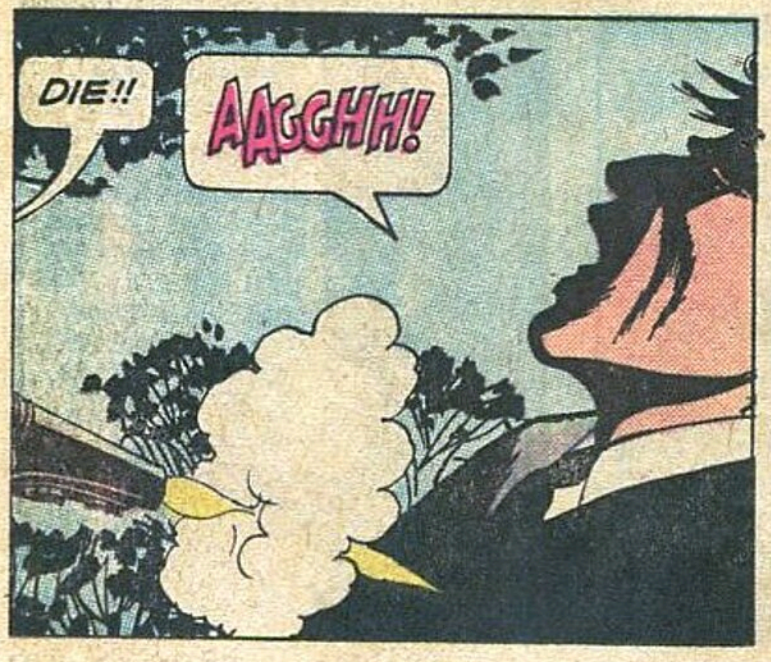

IN LEEDS...
SIR, I WILL HAVE A WORD WITH YOU!
WHAT?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHY HAVE YOU SENT THE CARRIAGE OFF? WHAT IS GOING ON?
DO I UNDERSTAND YOU TO BE CALLING ME A LIAR?
AN IMPECCABLE SOURCE, WHOM I CANNOT DISCLOSE AS I AM A GENTLEMAN, COMPELS ME TO SAY YES ... I LABEL YOU A LIAR!

THEN I SAY TO YOU, SIR, THAT YOU ARE NO GENTLEMAN AND DESERVE LESS THAN THIS!
SLAP!
I ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE! LORD BIGHT WILL ARRANGE THE DETAILS AS MY SECOND!

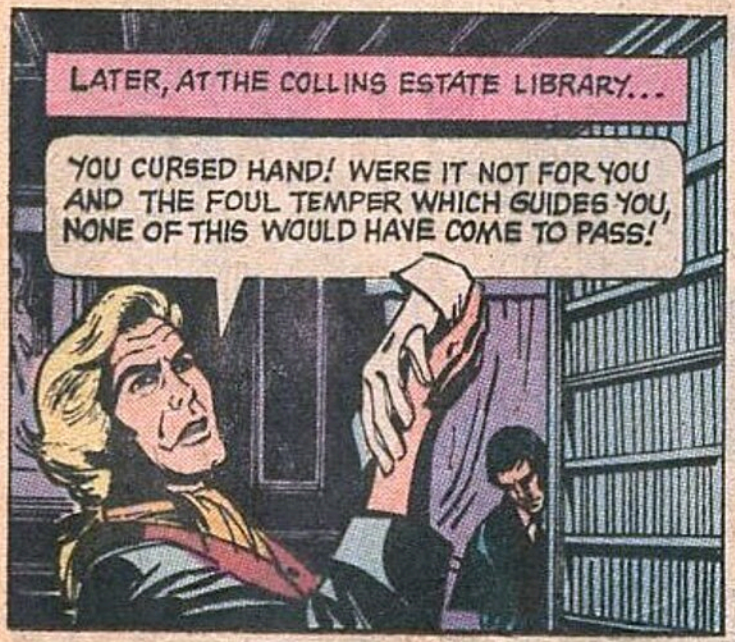

LATER...
MY FOOLISH PRIDE IS AS MUCH TO BLAME AS HIS YOUTHFUL TEMPER! THEN WHY SHOULD HE DIE? I WON'T ALLOW IT! HONOR WILL BE RESTORED AT LESS COST THAN A LAD'S LIFE!

I WILL LET HIM FIRE THE FIRST SHOT! IT WILL MISS! THEN I WILL FIRE MY PISTOL INTO THE AIR! HE WILL BE ASHAMED... BUT HE WILL LIVE!
THE NEXT MORNING...
MY AIM IS DELIBERATELY WIDE! HE WILL KNOW I INTEND TO MISS!
AGGH!
BANG!

HE IS DEAD!
BUT A DUEL IS NOT MURDER! YET CHESHIRE WAS HANGED FOR THIS DEED! BUT WHY?
WHAT HAVE I DONE? WHAT HAVE I DONE?
MY PLAN HAS MISFIRED, SHALL WE SAY! INSTEAD OF PERISHING BY SIR FRANCIS'S BALL, CHESHIRE COLLINS WILL PAY WITH HIS LIFE FOR SIR FRANCIS'S MURDER! AND I ALONE WILL BE THE WITNESS TO HIS DEED!

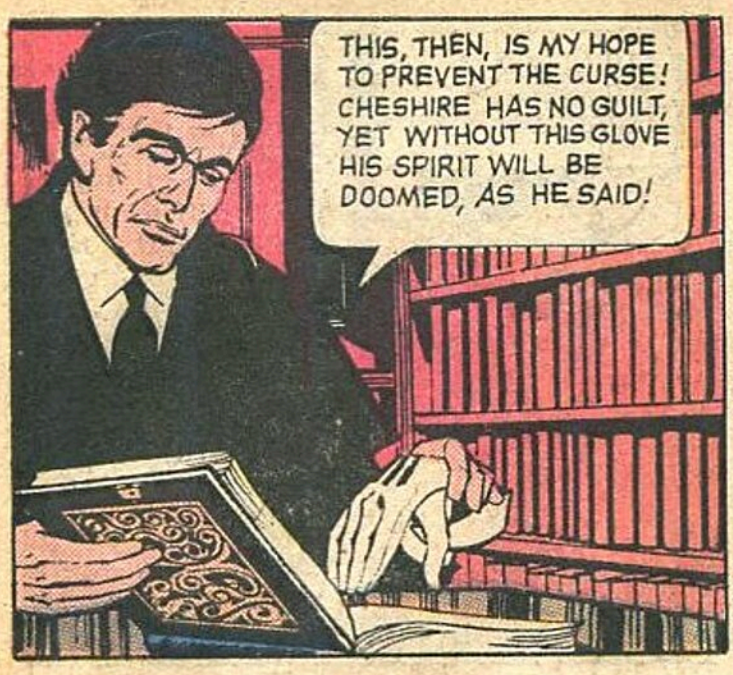

DIE!!
AAGGHH!

BUT BARNABAS'S VISIT TO THIS TIME IS IN HIS ETERNAL SPIRIT! NO HARM CAN BEFALL ONE ALREADY IN THAT PLACE BETWEEN WORLDS...
SO THIS IS HOW IT HAPPENED!... THE STRANGER WAS MURDERED SO HE COULDN'T REVEAL THE TRUTH!

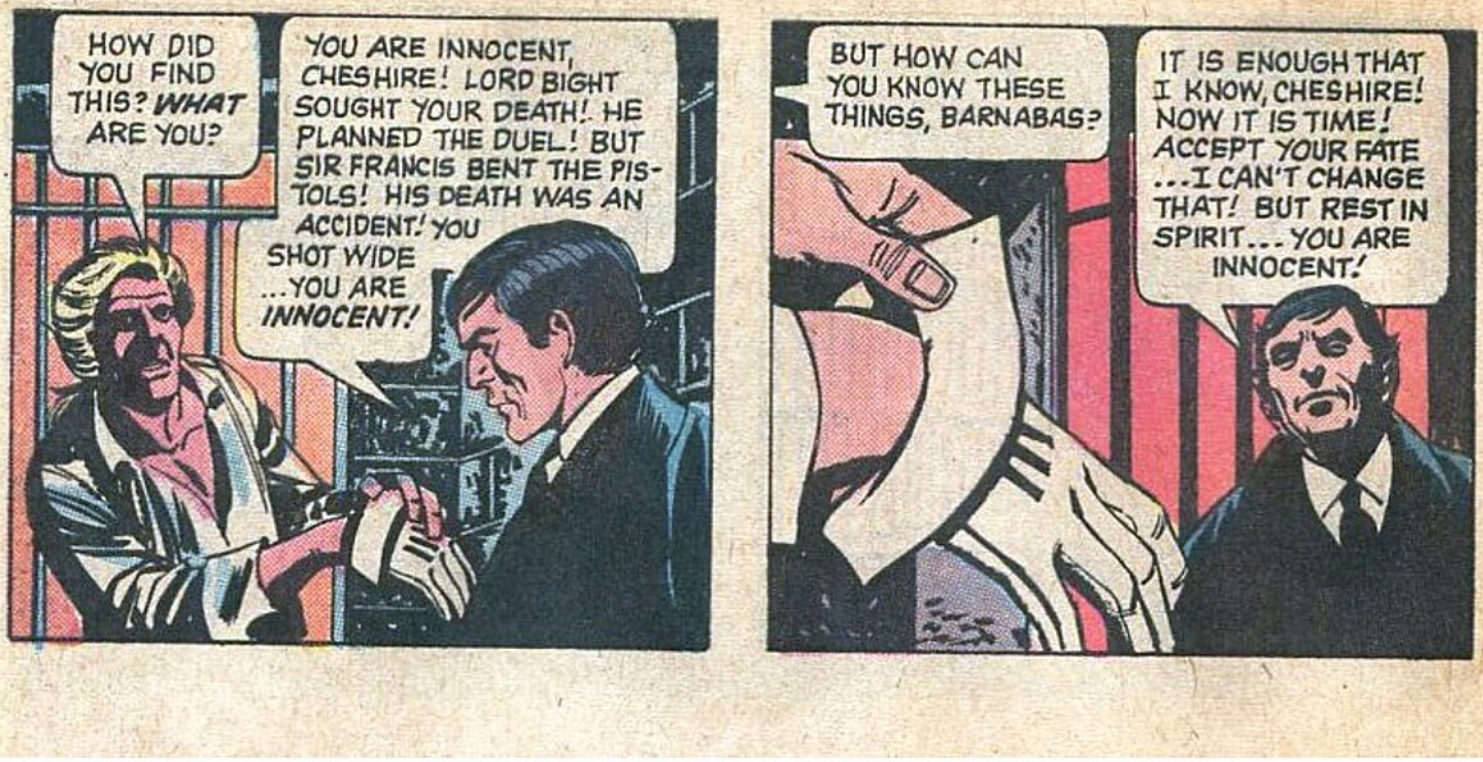

LATER, AT THE COLLINS ESTATE LIBRARY...
YOU CURSED HAND! WERE IT NOT FOR YOU AND THE FOUL TEMPER WHICH GUIDES YOU, NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE COME TO PASS!

AS THOUGH IT WERE MY OWN CURSED HAND TORN FROM ME, LET THIS GUILT-STAINED GLOVE LIE LOCKED WITHIN THE PAGES OF THIS BOOK UNTIL MY OWN GUILT IS FULLY PAID!

THEN IT WAS CHESHIRE *HIMSELF* WHO PLACED THE CURSE! HE DID NOT KNOW HE WAS *INNOCENT* OF MURDER BUT A VICTIM OF A MURDER EVEN MORE CRUEL!


THIS, THEN, IS MY HOPE TO PREVENT THE CURSE! CHESHIRE HAS NO GUILT, YET WITHOUT THIS GLOVE HIS SPIRIT WILL BE DOOMED, AS HE SAID!

LATER...
WH-WHO ARE YOU? BARNABAS! BUT YOU ARE IN LONDON! HOW CAN YOU BE HERE?
IT IS I! BUT QUICKLY, CHESHIRE ...DO AS I SAY! PUT ON THIS GLOVE!


HOW DID YOU FIND THIS? WHAT ARE YOU?
YOU ARE INNOCENT, CHESHIRE! LORD BIGHT SOUGHT YOUR DEATH! HE PLANNED THE DUEL! BUT SIR FRANCIS BENT THE PISTOLS! HIS DEATH WAS AN ACCIDENT! YOU SHOT WIDE ...YOU ARE INNOCENT!
BUT HOW CAN YOU KNOW THESE THINGS, BARNABAS?
IT IS ENOUGH THAT I KNOW, CHESHIRE! NOW IT IS TIME! ACCEPT YOUR FATE ...I CAN'T CHANGE THAT! BUT REST IN SPIRIT... YOU ARE INNOCENT!

MAKE WAY! PLEASE MAKE WAY!
ARE YE AFRAID TO WATCH A MURTHERER DIE, MAN?

HE IS NO MURDERER, BUT THE VICTIM OF A CRUEL AND VICIOUS COWARD!
HERE LIES THE TRUE MURDERER! IT WILL BE HIS SPIRIT WHICH SHALL HAVE NO REST!
LORD BLIGHT
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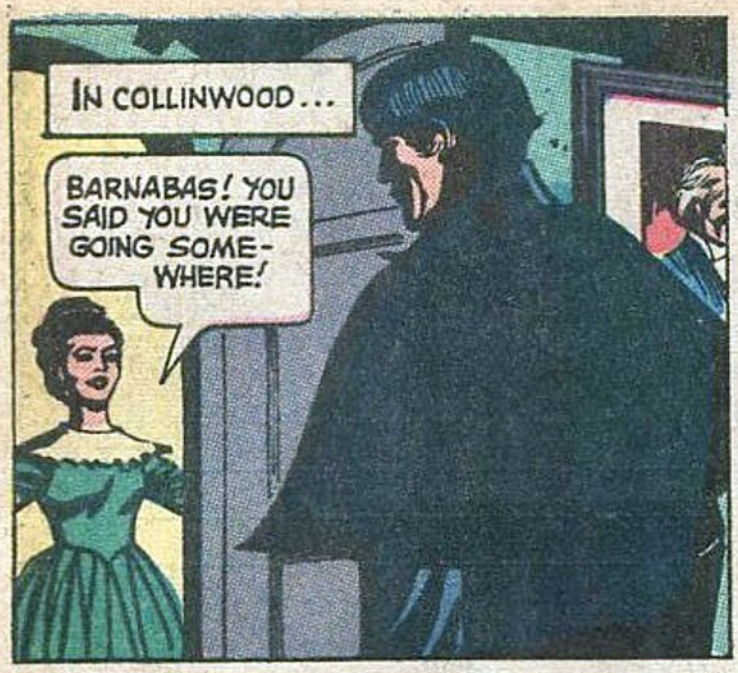
HIS HEART STOPPED ON NOVEMBER 12 WHILE WITNESSING AN EXECUTION


IN COLLINWOOD...
BARNABAS! YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING SOME-WHERE!

YES, BUT THERE WAS NO NEED TO STAY! ALL IS AT REST AS IT SHOULD BE!

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